

Amendments to the claims:

1-16 (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A rotary press apparatus comprising:

a first ram rotatably coupled between a first rotating member and a second rotating member ~~in~~, wherein the first ram includes a first journal rotatably coupled to a first stub shaft protruding from the first rotating member at an off-center position relative to a rotational axis of the first rotating member and a second journal rotatably coupled to a second stub shaft protruding from the second rotating member at an off-center position relative to a rotational axis of the ~~first and second rotating members~~ second rotating member;

a second ram rotatably coupled between a third rotating member and a fourth rotating member ~~in~~, wherein the second ram includes a third journal rotatably coupled to a third stub shaft protruding from the third rotating member at an off-center position relative to a rotational axis of the third rotating member and a fourth journal rotatably coupled to a fourth stub shaft protruding from the fourth rotating member at an off-center position relative to a rotational axis of the ~~third and fourth rotating members~~ fourth rotating member;

a first cutting tool member coupled to the first ram;

a second cutting tool member coupled to the second ram in a substantially opposing relationship to the first cutting tool member, wherein the first and second cutting tool members comprise a cut-off blade and ram set;

a first drive member coupled to the first rotating member; ~~and~~

a second drive member coupled to the second rotating ~~member~~ member;

a motor coupled to the first drive member or the second drive member in a direct drive configuration, wherein the first and second drive members cause the first, second, third, and fourth rotating members to rotate causing the first and second rams to travel along opposing ~~paths~~paths; and

first and second linear guides fixed to the first ram and slideably coupled to the second ram, wherein the first and second linear guides are located on the first and second rams at an offset distance from the first and second journals of the first ram and the third and fourth journals of the second ram.

Claims 18-21 (Canceled)

22. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the first and third rotating members are engaged in a direct drive configuration.

Claims 23-26 (Canceled)

27. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the first rotating member counter-rotates relative to the third rotating member during operation of the apparatus.

Claims 28-55 (Canceled)

56. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the first, second, third, and fourth rotating members include spur gears.

57. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the opposing paths are eccentric paths.

58. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the first drive member is engaged to the first rotating member and wherein the second drive member is engaged to the second rotating member.